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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SET TO OPEN LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER DUE TO SAND FIRE – FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management in coordination with the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the City of Santa Clarita will open a Local Assistance Center (LAC) at the William S. Hart Park Hart Hall (24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321) beginning Friday, August 5, 2016.

The LAC is available to all residents impacted by the recent Sand Fire that burned over 37,000 acres, resulting in the evacuations of 10,000 homes and 20,000 people. "The LAC will provide a single place for people impacted by the Sand Fire to receive help and get them on the road to recovery" stated Jeff Reeb, Director of the Los Angeles County's Office of Emergency Management. The center will serve as a one-stop source of information including how to replace records lost in the fire, initiate building permit requests and apply for assistance. No donations will be accepted at the LAC.

The LAC is scheduled to be open from August 5th through August 8th. The days and hours of operation are: Friday, August 5 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.), Saturday August 6 (8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and Monday, August 8 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). The LAC is closed on Sunday August 7th.

**LAC Address:
William S. Hart Park
Hart Hall
24151 Newhall Avenue
Newhall, CA 91321-2906**

State of California Acting Governor Tom Torlakson signed a State of Emergency proclamation for Los Angeles County on July 26 due to the Sand Fire. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ratified a local emergency at its Board meeting on July 26th.

The following is a list of participating State and County departments, agencies and non-profit organizations invited to be on-site:

STATE: Insurance Commissioner, Cal OES, Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, State Contractors'

Board

COUNTY: Public Works, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Assessor's Office, Public Health, Consumer Affairs, Registrar Recorder/County Clerk, Community Development Commission, Animal Care & Control

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: 211 LA County, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Tzu Chi Foundation, Antelope Valley Disaster Relief, Antelope Valley Partners for Health

Los Angeles County residents, renters, and business owners, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may also call 211 LA County for LAC and emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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